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114 INDICTMENTS

Returned for Accepting Bribes in Elections.

Grand Jury Returns a Total of 285 True Bills for Various Violations of the Law.

The Lawrence Circuit Court is now in the third week of the term, but it is very likely that this will be the last. A very large amount of business has been disposed of, making the session a busy as well as a long one. Judge Hannah is neither a drone nor an idler, and it is nearly always the case that as the Court is so is the bar so far as promptness and attention to business are concerned.

Since this paper went to press no Commonwealth cases have been tried, but many civil suits have been disposed of. Among them we note the following: Andrew Hickman vs. the C. and O. railway, compromised; Jack Dean vs. the Louisa Coal Co., compromised; Oscar Blankenship vs. the C. and O. railway, damages for assault, tried and verdict for the company; D. J. Burchett vs. C. and O. railroad, settled by compromise. This suit grew out of the action of the railroad in moving its track seventeen or eighteen feet closer to Mr. Burchett's residence and cutting down a shade tree which stood near the house. He received \$500. Ambrose Hickman gets \$200 in the compromise. Jack Dean gets \$50 from the Louisa Coal Company. Harvey Shannon compromised his case against the Louisa Coal Co. for \$150. Lindsay Lacey fought out his case against the same company, and the jury awarded him \$200.

Dan Blankenship had a suit against Dan Price, of Paintsville, for damages for alleged slander. After the case had gone to the jury one of the jurors was compelled to go home on account of a death. This caused a mistrial and the case went over until next term.

Mr. G. V. Meek, formerly of this city had a suit pending against the heirs of Mrs. Mary Sweetnam for a division of her Louisa real estate. The court appointed a commissioner composed of Mr. R. T. Burns, Mr. A. M. Campbell and M. F. Conley to make a division of the property. The report of the commissioners was objected to by the plaintiff, and the matter then came before the court. In his statement the plaintiff said he would take the corner with eleven feet less than the amount set apart with the corner by the commissioners. The defendant promptly accepted and the suit was settled, giving the two children of H. E. Evans 91 feet and six inches of inside lot, with rear outlet over plaintiff's lot. Mr. Meek gets the corner with the remainder of frontage. The property referred to is the residence on the corner of Jefferson and Madison streets, so long the home of the Sweetnam family. The house is several feet on Jefferson street, and it has to be moved off in less than a year. Mr. Meek purchased an undivided one-half interest in the property about five years prior to Mrs. Sweetnam's death.

The original plat of Louisa shows a frontage on Madison street of 208 feet 8 inches. One third of this, 69 feet and 7 inches belongs to John Jeems. Mary and James Evans got the next 91 feet and 6 inches. G. V. Meek owns the remainder. An additional six feet and three inches has been under fence on the Meek corner for a good many years and an agreement was made several years ago with a town Board of Trustees which may hold this portion.

After a session of fourteen days the grand jury adjourned Wednesday. During a somewhat strenuous session it examined 436 witnesses and made 285 indictments, 114 of which were for selling votes. The vote purchasers were not molested. The work of the grand jury has caused considerable excitement and much speculation. It is said that the indictments for vote selling are under lock and key and no access can be obtained to them. Court adjourned Thursday morning.

On C. & O. Track.

It is officially announced that commencing April 23rd the Norfolk and Western Pullman car which now runs from Bluefield to Kenova, and from there to Columbus will be picked up by Chesapeake and Ohio trains 13 and 14 and carried to and from Kenova and Charleston over the latter road. The train will arrive at Charleston at 7:35 a. m. and leave there at 6:45 p. m. This plan was proposed some months ago but for some reason fell through.

N. & W. Train Derailed.

Passenger train No. 16, which left Port Gay Wednesday afternoon shortly after one o'clock, was derailed near Huette, four miles below town. Three coaches left the track, but nobody was hurt. Among the passengers were Mrs. Robert Bickel and children. Mr. Bickel met them on No. 16 and they went to Ironton to remain until they could get possession of their house in Huntington. No. 16 arrived at Port Gay four hours late.

Big Timber.

Some really magnificent specimens of Big Sandy forest growth went down the river on the recent rise. One raft in particular had several logs of yellow poplar which were over five feet in diameter. It really seemed a pity that such sturdy giants of the woods should be sacrificed to the wants of man.

CAPT. JULIEN GAUJOT.

Army Officer Now at Front is From Williamson, W. Va.

Williamson W. Va., April 18. — Captain Julien Edmond Gaujot, the West Virginia boy, who, with the first United States Cavalry, is sitting on the lid at Douglas, Ariz., protecting American lives and property from the carelessness and recklessness of the Mexican Federalists and Insurrectos, is a resident of this city. He recently came into prominence when with a detachment of his men, on April 13th, crossed the Mexican border and compelled the combatants to cease fighting after three Americans had been killed and seven wounded, by balls from the combat fired into Douglas, and who later took prisoner a number of the federalists.

Captain Gaujot, though of French descent, is himself a thorough-going American. He was born in Michigan; was educated and received his military training at V. P. L., Blacksburg, Virginia.

He was a captain in the Second West Virginia Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish war; lieutenant in the 27th U. S. Volunteer Infantry in the Philippines in 1899-'00. Later he was made a captain in the same regiment. He was with his regiment at the battle of San Mateo, in which General Lawton was killed. His brother, Corporal Antoine Gaujot, of his company a few weeks since, was voted a medal of honor by Congress for gallantry in action in this engagement.

Later Captain Gaujot was placed in command of a company of Maccabee scouts, in Luzon.

Returns to Philippines.

Upon his return to the states he was commissioned a lieutenant in the 10th Regular Cavalry; and, at his own request transferred to the 11th Cavalry, to join which he returned to the Philippines. In the Cuban election riots in 1907 he was sent to Cuba, where he remained about one year and since that time for three was stationed at Denver with the Army of the Colorado, on the staff of General Thomas. In 1910 he was made a captain in the First Cavalry and is now in charge of a battalion of three troops, stationed at Douglas, Arizona.

The distinction is his of being the first American officer to lead a force across the border, which he did on the 13th of April to compel the combatants at Agua Prieta to cease fighting, after stray bullets had killed three and wound seven American citizens and non-combatants on American soil at Douglas. He has told both Mexican forces in blunt and emphatic United States

that American lives and property must not be injured or endangered by their engagements and that if either is again harmed that he will lead an American force against either or both bodies and quickly end and punish those so offending. It is reported that in this he is acting under direct orders from the president and secretary of war.

Comes of Military Family.

Capt. Gaujot comes of a military family. His great-grandfather, Claude Gaujot, accompanied the Marquis Lafayette to America in 1781-'82 to aid us in the revolution and was later with Napoleon in all his wars till 1807, when he was retired a lieutenant.

His grandfather, Antoine Gaujot was a French soldier from 1819 to 1842, at which time after the American campaign, he was retired a captain. His father, Ernest Gaujot, emigrated to America in 1863 and was a mining expert in the Pennsylvania coal fields and Michigan copper fields. In 1879 the father was engaged to take charge of the mines of the Japanese empire, and spent three years there, exploring, locating and developing the mines of the mikado, for which service, well done, he was made a general in the Japanese army; but he was never called upon to render military service.

Captain Gaujot is thirty-six and unmarried.

Saturday's Show.

The Haag Show exhibit at this place on Saturday last, afternoon and night, and in spite of the most forbidding weather the attendance was very large. Over 1800 people braved the cold wind and threatening skies and witnessed an excellent performance, one far above the usual tent exhibition. The show was clean, the features were first class, some of them better in their way than any similar one presented here before. If this show comes this way again it will be sure of a big crowd.

Court of Appeals Decisions.

C. and O. Railway Company vs. Preston—Decided April 18, 1911. Appeal from Lawrence Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by William R. Clay, commissioner, affirming.

Railroads—Fires—Negligence—Sufficiency of Evidence.—In an action against a railroad company for damages for the negligent burning of a barn, evidence examined and held sufficient to support the verdict.

The Preston referred to is Arthur Preston, of Graves Shoals.

Not Guilty.

"Not guilty," wrote the jury in the case of Jim Vinson, tried in the Mingo Circuit Court on the charge of having murdered Charles Neave near Matewan, about eight months ago.

TO CORN GROWERS.

Call for Final Meeting of Corn Growing Contest.

Every boy who has enlisted in the corn growers contest is urged to come to Louisa on Saturday May 6th to attend a meeting at the court house. This will be the last call made for a meeting and it is hoped every boy will be present. A picture of the entire group will be taken.

Seed corn and bulletins containing much valuable information will be given out at this meeting. The gathering will be at the court house at one o'clock. Let every boy be present at this meeting. The contest promises to be a big success and a great advantage to the future of agriculture in this county. The boys will show the old fellows what can be done by proper preparation and cultivation.

SEED CORN FOR BOYS' CLUB.

The seed for those who have enrolled in the Boys' Corn Growing contest is at the Sheriff's office, ready for distribution to those who have not already received theirs. This office is in the court house.

TWO OFFICERS

Killed at Matewan, W. Va., by a Citizen of That Place.

Mayor Hoskins and Policeman Walter Musick Shot Down Wednesday by Tom Chaffin.

Williamson, W. Va., April 26.—This city was thrown into a high state of excitement this afternoon when a telephone message from Matewan announced that Mayor Rosmont Hoskins and Chief of Police Walter Musick of Matewan, had been shot and killed.

According to the best information that can be obtained concerning the affair, Chief Musick and Mayor Hoskins went to the home of Tom Chaffin, who lives at the Red Jacket mines near Matewan for the purpose of arresting Mrs. Chaffin, who had been charged with some minor offense. It is said that as they approached the house, Chaffin opened fire upon them with a Winchester. Musick was shot dead in his tracks and Mayor Hoskins was fatally wounded. He can not survive and his death is momentarily expected. Chaffin immediately made his escape to the hills and has not yet been captured.

Sheriff Hurst has been requested to hasten to the scene with a force of his deputies. Mayor Hoskins has three sons and it is feared that if they and Musick's friends succeed in finding Chaffin he will be summarily dealt with.

All of the parties connected with the deplorable affair are prominently connected. Walter Musick was a son of ex-Sheriff E. E. Musick and had been Chief of Police of Matewan for about two years. Mayor Hoskins is originally from Kentucky, but has resided at Matewan for a number of years and was serving his second term as Mayor, having previously held the office of Justice of the Peace.

Tom Chaffin, who did the shooting is a son of Andy Chaffin, of Mate Creek, and is a native of Mingo county, being closely related to the leading families. This is the first trouble of any serious nature he is said to have been in and at this time it is not known why he took the lives of Musick and Hoskins, who it is said, were attempting to arrest his wife on a petty charge.—Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Boyd-Greenup Line.

William McDyer, the civil engineer, was down along the Boyd-Greenup county line yesterday, making a survey with the object of establishing the precise line between the two counties. Though it has been fifty-one years since the setting off of Boyd county from Greenup and Carter counties, there is said to be about seven miles of the line between Greenup and Boyd that has never been surveyed officially, hence the matter has been in dispute all these years, though nothing very serious has resulted from it.

The work of Mr. McDyer and his helpers will settle the matter and the people who live along the disputed line will know just "where they are at."—Tribune.

SEED CORN DISTRIBUTED.

Mr. W. T. Kane was here on Saturday last and distributed several gallons of seed corn to the contestants in the Boys' Corn Contest. He also gave out to the members of the club copies of bulletins issued by the Agricultural Department of the State College, concerning the cultivation of the King Cereal of the world. Much interest is shown in the contest in this county.

BIG TOWN TO BE BUILT.

Jenkins is the name of the new town to be built in Letcher county for headquarters of the Consolidation Coal Company's great Lining operation. 2000 houses will be built within six months to be occupied by 10,000 people.

A Pleasant Party.

Little Miss Mary Wallace entertained a number of her young friends with an Easter party last Saturday afternoon. The accessories were unique as well as fitting, rabbits, waxen ducks, eggs and other suggestions of the season being pleasantly in evidence. Children are proverbially and chronically hungry, and this characteristic was recognized and amply provided for. On the whole it was a very pleasant party.

Were Taken To Frankfort.

On Wednesday of this week Sheriff John Carter and Deputy Ed Ross took three convicts to the Frankfort penitentiary to serve various sentences for various crimes. The parties were Lindsay Carter, four years for bigamy; Tom Henson, two years for highway robbery, and Milt Caperton, to serve an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years for cutting with intent to kill.

A Day of Delays.

On Tuesday of this week the morning train for Pikeville left Louisa four hours late. The delay was caused by a crippled engine. Shortly after leaving this point a derailment occurred near Torchlight, fortunately without injury to anyone. The train did not return to Louisa until about 9:30 p. m. The up train from Ashland reached Louisa fifty minutes late.

105 YEARS OLD.

Death of Mrs. Jennie Allen, Floyd County's Oldest Woman.

Died near Middle Creek, Ky., one of the oldest inhabitants of Floyd county—Mrs. Jennie Allen, born Oct. 4, 1806. She was born and raised on Beaver creek, Floyd county. She was married at the age of 15 years to David W. Allen, who departed this life in 1884, at the age of 79 years. Mrs. Allen joined the Christian Church at the age of 22, and lived a devoted Christian life up to the end. She never took a dozen doses of doctor's medicine in her life and retained her good health up until a few days before her death. When the time came for her demise she passed away with a smile.

She was the mother of sixteen children, eleven sons and five daughters only six of whom survive her. The deceased was a daughter of Joel M. Martin, one of the oldest inhabitants of the county.

"Grandma" Allen, as she was called by all who knew her, lived to see her fourth generation. She was reared in Floyd county when all sorts of wild beasts roamed the hills, and she would tell of nights when she could not sleep for the barking of wolves.

After the death of Grandma Allen's husband, she resided with her youngest son, Elliott Allen, present deputy sheriff, near Middle Creek. The remains were conveyed to Pyramid for interment, where they were met by some two hundred sorrowing friends and relatives. Funeral services by the Revs. Hyden and Sexton, of the Baptist Church, after which the remains were consigned to their last resting place.

KILLED BY A LOG.

Dan Bowling, of Hellier, Pike county, was killed by the fall of a log Tuesday of last week. He and others were building a tramway. The log was used as a "leader," one end on the tramway, the other on the ground. He was walking on the log, when it fell and rolled up on him, crushing him so badly that death ensued that night. He was a brother of J. M. Bowling, the Pikeville attorney.

BURNED TO DEATH.

The little daughter of Mr. John Mosley, of Emma, was burned to death on Tuesday of last week. Her clothing was caught by the flame in a fireplace. She was about three years old.

The Tenthcentenary.

It is the intention of the Bible Study Circle of this city to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the English Bible. At the meeting of the Circle last week a committee was appointed to arrange a programme of exercises. As it is now expected the celebration will occur on the night of Sunday, May 7, at the M. E. Church, South. Addresses pertinent to the occasion will be delivered by prominent ministers and laymen. There will also be appropriate music and singing. The completed programme will be published next week.

The Bible Study Circle has become a most interesting feature of Louisa life. The instructor, Prof. E. M. Kennison, is a biblical scholar of great learning and ability as a teacher. Not the slightest shade or tincture of "ism" mars or marks his expositions of the scriptures. The students are men and women of different evangelical churches, all seeking for light on the Bible, not for "proof" of the correctness of his or her particular belief. This latter is not given, neither is it asked for.

The Circle hopes to make the coming celebration an important and interesting occasion.

Hill Billies and Hill Sallies.

The "Mighty Hague" Shows are now on the circus plot in West Pikeville, pitching their tents and getting ready for the entertainment of the "Hill Billies" and "Hill Sallies," which is the appellation the Rev. Walt. Holcomb was pleased to use in referring to we of these parts, and which has since become quite a joke. But on circus day in Pikeville the crowd is so dense that Coxy's Army in all its glory and astounding array, could not hold it space.—Pikeville Item.

There is a tone in this, a tone more of sorrow than of anger, which indicates that the evangel from the State of Andy Jackson and Bob Taylor left a sting when he folded his tent and said good by to Pike. It is plain that the Pikevillians, since the census shows them to be more numerous than the Paintsvillians, want to be called "citizens of a vast domain of untold wealth," and not hill Billies and Sallies. Don't get fretted not to any anger, at that bit of pleasantry / on part of Bro. Walt. Why, he "referred to we" as hill billies dozens of times. We merely "held him space" and jess laft.

Have Left Louisa.

Mr. John Elawick and family have left Louisa after a residence of some years and gone to their farm on East Fork. Mr. Elawick is a good man and good citizen, a desirable acquisition to any community. Their friends in Louisa hope that Mr. Elawick and his family may thrive and be happy "Down On the Farm."

DIED IN FLORIDA.

Mrs. Amanda Rice Culter, a Native of Louisa.

The News is in reception of the following:

Mrs. Amanda R. Culter died at Satsuma Heights, Fla., Apr. 22nd, 1911, at 10 a. m. Mrs. Culter was formerly Miss Amanda Rice, daughter of the late Judge James M. Rice, of Catlettsburg, Ky., and the last of his immediate family. She has resided in Florida 25 years.

Mrs. Culter was well known to the older residents of this city, where she has several relatives. She was a sister of the Judge John M. Rice and Jake Rice also deceased. She was a sister of the first Mrs. John W. Jones and for many years lived in the house now occupied by Mr. A. M. Wheeler. She was much liked by many friends and relatives who will learn with sorrow of her death.

WORK STARTED ON DAM 20.

The Bates-Rogers Company, of Chicago, was finally awarded the contract for the lock and dam just below Catlettsburg. Preliminary work was started Tuesday.